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SUBJECT: GAO INQUIRIES INTO STEEL VRA AND TEXTILE IMPORT
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REF: A. STATE 188470 (NOTAL)

- B. BONN 13528 (NOTAL)
- C. TOKYO 12185 (NOTAL)
- D. TOKYO 12280 (NOTAL)

1. REFTELS REPORTED GAO CONTACTS WITH AMEMBASSIES BONN AND TOKYO RE GAO SURVEYS OF STEEL VRA AND TEXTILE IMPORT PROGRAMS (LATTER SURVEY APPEARS LIMITED MAINLY TO NUMBER OF EAST ASIAN POSTS). FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR POSTS CONTACTED BY GAO REPS CONDUCTING THESE SURVEYS. REFTELS INDICATE THAT AT THIS TIME GAO REPS PLAN DISCUSS STEEL VRA WITH BONN AND TOKYO AND TEXTILE PROGRAM WITH TOKYO AND SEOUL. HOWEVER, SINCE THERE POSSIBILITY GAO MAY ALSO BE CONTACTING OTHER POSTS, THIS TELEGRAM BEING ADDRESSED TO POSTS IN ALL STEEL VRA PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES.

2. EARLY LAST AUGUST GAO INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE (GAO DECLINED PROVIDE NAME OF MEMBER) TO CONDUCT A SURVEY INTO "COSTS AND BENEFITS" OF STEEL VRA AND TEXTILE IMPORT

PROGRAMS. THIS REQUEST WAS NOT RPT NOT A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE REQUEST, BUT ONE BY AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT INQUIRY, GAO CONFIRMED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW GAO REPORT IN DRAFT.

3. TWO GAO REPS MET AUGUST 10, 1973 WITH DEPUTY ASST. SECY. JULIUS KATZ, WHO PROVIDED GENERAL BACKGROUND BRIEFING ON STEEL VRA, INCLUDING HISTORY OF STEEL IMPORTS PRIOR TO VRA; USG RATIONALE FOR VRA APPROACH IN PREFERENCE TO OTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO STEEL IMPORT PROBLEM; REVIEW OF 1969-71 VRA AND OF RENEWED VRA TO DATE; AND REVIEW OF CONSUMERS UNION VRA LAWSUIT. KATZ ALSO PROVIDED THEM WITH COPIES OF VRA LAWSUIT BRIEFS, WHICH CONTAIN COMPLETE HISTORY OF VRA. (KATZ ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON TEXTILE IMPORT PROGRAM, WITH GAO REPS INDICATING THAT THEIR SURVEY INTO THIS PROGRAM WOULD INVOLVE LARGELY COMMERCE DEPT.) AT THE TIME, GAO REPS INDICATED THEIR SURVEY WOULD BE A DETAILED ONE LASTING NUMBER OF MONTHS, BUT DID NOT INDICATE THEY WOULD BE CONTACTING OVERSEAS POSTS, OR FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENTS AND INDUSTRIES.

4. AS NOTED IN REF A, POSTS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY PROVISIONS OF 4 FAM 930-940, PARTICULARLY 4 FAM 934.2 AND 4 FAM 934.5, IN MAKING INFORMATION AND MATERIAL IN POST FILES AVAILABLE TO GAO REPS, AND SHOULD REFER TO DEPARTMENT ANY GAO INQUIRIES CONCERNING WHICH THEY MAY HAVE QUESTIONS.

5. POSTS SHOULD MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY GAO REPS, AS WELL AS PROVIDE ANY NEEDED INTERPRETER SERVICES. DEPARTMENT WOULD ANTICIPATE FROM PAST EXPERIENCE OF GAO CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS THAT POST OFFICERS WOULD ACCOMPANY GAO REPS DURING SUCH MEETINGS.

6. POSTS CONTACTED BY GAO IN CONNECTION WITH THESE SURVEYS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH REPORTS ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH GAO REPS, AS WELL AS REPORTS ON MEETINGS WITH HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS. RUSH

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